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Candidate forums for 2024 town election to be held March 7, 14

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The League of Women Voters of Winchester will hold candidate forums on March 7 and March 14 before the town election on March 26. FILE PHOTO

The following was submitted by the League of Women Voters of Winchester:

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The League of Women Voters of Winchester is sponsoring two candidate forums on March 7 and March 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Jenks Center, Cummings Room, 109 Skillings Road, before the March 26 town election.

These will include candidate debates for contested town-wide races, in which all candidates plan to participate. The debates will be preceded by informal Meet the Town Meeting Candidates opportunities:

The following are the schedules for the events:

March 7

6:30-7:30 p.m. : Meet Town Meeting candidates for all precincts

7:30-8:30 p.m.: Select Board debate (2 seats): Michael Bettencourt (incumbent), William McGonigle, Vincent Dixon and Dorothy Simboli

March 14

6:30-7 p.m. : Meet Town Meeting candidates for all precincts

7-7:30 p.m.: Housing Authority debate (1 seat): James Harris and Thomas Mourier

7:30-8:30 p.m.: School Committee debate (2 seats): Thomas Hopcroft (incumbent), Jeffrey Duncan, My Linh Truong, Carey Sue Barney, and Timothy Matthews

The debates will be moderated by an LWV moderator from a League chapter outside of Winchester. This event will be livestreamed by WinCam and available afterwards on www.wincam.org.

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The League will again provide online Voter Guides with profiles of candidates for all offices, including Town Meeting. The guides will be available in early March on the League's website www.lwvwinchester.org.

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Celebrate Women's History Month with Girls Leading Change

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: To mark Women's History Month and International Women's Day in 2026, the Network for Social Justice is collaborating with club leaders from Winchester High School and members of the Community Health team from La Colaborativa in Chelsea and

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Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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FEATURES

‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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